

"Horrors, what an obscure hand you write!" said the literary editor, the new space writer, he turned in a bit of poetry.
 "Oh, it's plain enough," interjected the poet, "The rhymes and the metre will help the compositor out, and there'll not be the least bit of trouble if they just follow copy."
 And the manuscript went bustling up the tube to the composing-room.
 "Sa-ay, what chump has been sendin' in the Chinese laundry bill for copy?" wildly yelled the printer, as he wiped a sudden burst of perspiration from his forehead and glaring at his mate at stake. "I can't make head or tail out of this stuff!"
 "Well, Chinese or no Chinese," cried the hurrying foreman, "make whatever you can out of it, and snag it up in mighty short order, for we're late now."
 And the type fairly jumped from the case into the stick.
 "Good Caesar!" gasped the proof-reader, catching at his brow. "Are my eyes falling, or is this a premonition of nervous prostration?"
 "Heaven he rubbed his eyes and stared." "By the deuce, either I've got the bilfed s progers or Frame's on a royal toot!"
 At that instant a scream came down the tube: "Rush the proof along, for heaven's sake! We're late!"
 The proof-reader groaned, galloped down the dunn, hesitated, and then desperately thrust a slip into the tube, huskily murmuring, "I compared it with the copy; and that's as near I can get to Hebrew these days!"
 That night the same writer hurriedly snatched up a copy of the issue, without a glance, and dropped it into the mail, with this brief note:—
 "My Onliest Sweet and Dearest Marie,—I send you a number of the Sunday supplement containing my little poem. Your face was an ever-present inspiration to me when I wrote, and I happy thoughts of you inspired every tenderness. Here you will find expressed what I love best toward you but have hardly dared to write before. Till death, etc."
 Miss Marie Corland Van Clifton glanced at the tender note blushed with pleasure, and hurriedly opening the paper, read:—
 To Marie.
 When the breeze from the blue-bottle's luster-
 ing bill
 Twirls the toads in a tooroomaloo,
 And the whiskery white of the wheedlesome
 whim
 Drowns the roll of the rattattattoo,
 When I dream in the shade of the shully-go-shee,
 And the voice of the ballymoley
 Brings the smell of stale poppy-cods blammered
 in blue,
 From the willy-wad over the way,
 A, a shuddering shoo and the blinketty-blanks
 When the yungling falls from the hough,
 On the blast of a hurricane's hickety-banks,
 Or the hiss of the hocketty-how!
 Then the negative the negative the negative
 If the care for such fiddledie
 At the thungumbob kiss of the whangery-bang
 Keeps the higgledy-piggly for me.
 L'enul.
 "It is pilly-go-doddle and allgobung
 When a jolly-pop covers the ground,
 Yet the coldidie perishes punkety-pung
 When the heart jimmy-coggles around,
 If the soul cannot snoop at the giddle-some cart
 Seeking eggs in the gluggety-glug,
 It is useless to say to the pulsating heart,
 "Fanky-doodle ker chuggetty-chug."
 The new space writer and Miss Marie Corland Van Clifton are not engaged now.—*Clifton's Commercial Gazette.*

A

CONVERSATION AND EXHIBITION
will be given
TO-MORROW EVENING,
April 27th, at 9 P.M.,
in the
CITY HALL.

Under the auspices of the
HONGKONG "ODD VOLUMES."

His Excellency Sir **WILLIAM ROBINSON**
has kindly consented to open the
CONVERSATION.

The **EXHIBITION** will include the Exhibits
to be sent to the
IMPERIAL INSTITUTE
representing the resources of Hongkong.

**AN INDIAN COURT, INDUSTRIAL, PHILO-
SOPHICAL, ETHNOLOGICAL, BOTANI-
CAL, and GEOLOGICAL COLLECTIONS.**
Private Collections of Curios, Works of Art,
and Bricks &c.

Industrial Exhibition to which the Gas, Elec-
tric Light, Telephone, Sugar, Brick and Cement
and other Companies will contribute.
Collections of Silver-ware, Silk, Coins, Weapons,
Models of Temples, Machinery and
Vessels.
Scientific and other Instruments.
Glass making, Die-Printing, Steel Engraving,
Book Binding and Stamping.
Photographic Exhibition,
&c., &c., &c.

By the kind permission of Col. **RAVENHILL**
and Officers of the Shropshire Light Infantry,
the **BAND** of the Regiment will be in attend-
ance.

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED.

An admission of \$1 will be charged to cover
expenses.

Tickets may be obtained at Messrs. **LANE,
CRAWFORD & Co.**, & Messrs. **KELLY AND
WALSH, LD.**, or at the door.

SIDNEY JEFFREY,
Hon. Sec. "Odd Volumes."
Hongkong, 26th April, 1893. [490]

**NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.**

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "TACOMA,"
**FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA
AND KOBE.**

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consig-
nees of Cargo are hereby requested to
send in their Bills of Lading for Countersig-
nature, and to take immediate delivery of their
Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel
will be landed and stored at Consignee's risk
and expense.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 26th April, 1893. [491]

NOTICE.

**HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE.**

**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE MEMBERS OF THE HONGKONG
GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**
will be held on **WEDNESDAY, the 3rd May**
at 3 P.M., at the **ROOMS OF THE CHAMBER, CITY
HALL**, for the purpose of receiving the Report
of the Committee and passing the Secretary's
Accounts for the year ending 31st December
1892.

F. HENDERSON,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 26th April, 1893. [500]

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

THE SCHOONER
"MONTARA,"
AS SHE NOW LIES IN KOWLOON HAV.

Length	75 feet.
Beam	17 feet.
Depth of hold	71 feet.
Registered Tonnage	75 tons.

(Owing to recent alterations the carrying
capacity of the *Montara* has been increased to
about 120 tons dead weight.)

The *Montara* was built in Singapore, is most
solidly constructed of teak throughout, with iron
wood frames, has recently been thoroughly
overhauled under experienced European superin-
tendence, and is now in excellent condition.
She is a very fast sailer and a most suitable
vessel for the Canton kerosene trade, or would
make a first-class lighter.

For Particulars as to Price, &c., apply to
R. FRASER-SMITH,
6, Pedder's Hill.
Hongkong, 17th May, 1893. [3]

FOR SALE.

**THE ENGINES AND BOILER OF THE
CHINESE GUNBOAT "CHOP-CHEUNG,"**
AS THEY LIE AT ABERDEEN DOCK.

THE Engines of the *Chop-cheung* were
constructed by Messrs. **INGLIS & Co.**, of
Wanchai, and are of the Compound Inverted
Cylinder Direct-Acting Surface Condensing type.
Cylinders 201 and 28" dia., with a stroke of 26".
The Crank Shaft is 6 1/2" dia. at the Crank pin
and 7" dia. at the Journals. The H.P. Piston
Rod is 3" at the L.P. 3 1/2" dia. The Piston
and Connecting Rod bolts are 2" dia. As Pump
14 1/2" dia. by 13 stroke, Single Acting Circumfer-
ential Pump 8" dia. by 13 stroke, and Double Acting
Feed and Bilge Pump (one each) 3" dia. by 13
stroke.

These Engines have been very little used and
are in thoroughly good order.

The Boiler is of the Horizontal Multitubular
type, with three Furnaces and vertical Dome of
top. Its dia. is 10ft. 2" by girth 16" long, external
measurements; Furnaces, 8ft. 10" dia.; Dome
44" dia. by 8ft. high; Tubes, 184 in number by
3" ex. dia. It is in fairly good condition, having
recently undergone considerable repairs, and
would last in active service for over five years.

The Engines and Boiler can be inspected on
application to the Superintendent at Aberdeen
Docks.

For further particulars, apply to
R. FRASER-SMITH,
6, Pedder's Hill.
Hongkong, 17th May, 1893. [3]

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Telegraphic Address "SOBRINOS," Hongkong
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**AUCTIONEERS, VALUERS &
GENERAL MERCHANTS.**
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Under Messrs. Douglas Laiprak & Co.'s Offices.

MR. MESSRS. A. E. SKEELS & Co. undertake Sales Privately, or by Auction, of any class of Goods & Property. Prompt Settlements Guaranteed. Immediate Cash Advances on Goods for Auction.

Cargoes received for Storage, Insurance effected.

Hongkong, 4th April, 1893. [170]

Auctions

PUBLIC AUCTION
OF
**USEFUL HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
BRINSMEAD'S PIANO, ELECTRO-PLATE,
&c., &c., &c.**

MESSRS. A. E. SKEELS & Co. have been favoured with instructions to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
ON
SATURDAY next, April 25th, 1893,
commencing at 2.30 P.M. Sharp,
AT THE
AUCTION MART, 17, PRAYA CENTRAL,
(removed for convenience of Sale),
A LARGE QUANTITY OF
**NEW AND SECOND-HAND CABINET
FURNITURE,**
Comprising:—
**HANDSOME DRAWING-ROOM SUITES,
DINING and BED-ROOM SUITES, LEA-
THER COVERED SUITES, HALL and
OFFICE FURNITURE, SIDEBOARDS and
OVERMANTELS (with BEVELLED GLASS),
EXTENSION DINING TABLES, DINNER
WAGGONS, DINING-ROOM CHAIRS, DINER
SERVICES, COOKING STOVES,
CURTAINS, PICTURES, ORNAMENTS,
CLOCKS, FENDERS and FIRE IRONS,
BRASS and IRON BEDSTEADS, WIRE
WOVEN MATTRESSES, DRESSING TA-
BLES, WASHSTANDS, TOILET SETS,
COMMODOES, SUCCHOV BATHS, &c., &c.**
Also,
A QUANTITY OF
HALL & HOLIZ Shanghai made **SOLID
TEAK CABINET FURNITURE**, returned
from Hluc.
ONE IRON FRAMED COTTAGE PIANO
by **BRINSMEAD**, in good order, manufactured
Specially for Hongkong.

Also,
a consignment of
**VERY FINE ELECTRO-PLATED WARE,
GLASS WARE, CUTLERY and PICTURE
(GLEOS and CHROMOS).**
On view on Thursday, Friday and Saturday
27th, 28th and 29th April.
Catalogues at the Auction Mart,
A. E. SKEELS & Co.,
Auctioneers & Valuers.
Auction Mart, 17, Praya Central,
Hongkong, 22nd April, 1893. [49]

**GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION,
No. 139.**

**THE following Particulars and Conditions of
Sale of Crown Land, by Public Auction, are to
be held on the spot, on**
MONDAY,
the 1st day of May, 1893, at 4 P.M., are pub-
lished for general information.
By Command, **G. T. M. O'BRIEN,**
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 15th March, 1893. [50]

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by
Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the
1st day of May, 1893, at 4 P.M., by Order of
His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of
CROWN LAND, in the Colony of Hongkong,
for a term of 999 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOTS.

No. of Lot.	Relating No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.				Squar- ed.	Contents in Acre.	Annual Rent.	Price.
			N.	S.	E.	W.				
1	Inland Lot No. 1,331.	West of (near of Wantsai School).	60	60	40	40	2,400	24	48	

For Sale.

LANSON'S CHAMPAGNE
LANSON PÈRE ET FILS
AS SUPPLIED TO THE "GUARDS."

THIS CHAMPAGNE was selected for the
CALIFORNIA BALL in Shanghai, the
CALDBECK, MACGRAGOR & Co.
Sole Agents,
Hongkong and China.

13, Queen's Road,
Hongkong, 14th April, 1893. [46]

**THEY LEAD THEM ALL,
THE CELEBRATED
CALIFORNIA WINES,**
from the well-known Vineyards of Messrs.
KÖHLER and VAN BERGEN, San Francisco
and **JULIAN P. SMITH** (Olivina) Livermore
California,
Guaranteed to be Pure and Unadulterated.
Pure **BLACKBERRY BRANDY** and first
Consignments of **BARTLETT SPRING
MINERAL WATER** by each Steamer.
Prices forwarded on application to
MACONDRAY BROTHERS & LOCKART
Commission Merchants,
No. 30, Water Street,
Yokohama.

Yokohama, 12th August, 1893. [40]

CARMICHAEL & Co., LD.
RAIN COATS & UMBRELLAS.
BUCKSKIN LEGGINGS.
 PORPOISE-HIDE WATERPROOF BOOTS,
 RACE GLASSES WITH SLING CASES.
CARMICHAEL & CO. LTD.
 18, Praya Central, Hongkong.
 On 20th February 1893 [52]

CENTRAL HOTEL,

SHANGHAI.

THIS long established SELECT Family Hotel, situated on the Bund, facing the river, in the centre of the Settlements, has lately undergone extensive alterations, and is now fitted with the latest modern improvements, including Bath and Dressing Rooms ATTACHED to Suites and Single Rooms, with hot and cold water laid on, DOUCHE, SHOWER SPRAYS, etc., and heated to a comfortable temperature during winter.

SEPARATE ROOMS FOR PRIVATE DINNER PARTIES, &c.

The Electric Lighting now partly laid on will be completed during this year, 1892.

An Assistant will attend on Passengers by Mail Steamers.

N.D.—TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:—"CENTRAL, SHANGHAI."

F. E. REILLY,

PROPRIETOR.

<h3 style="text-align: center;">Hotels.</h3> <p>THE WESTERN HOTEL, <i>QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.</i> OLD "BEN" PRESIDES.</p> <p>A QUIET AND COMFORTABLE HOME FOR MEN OF THE MERCANTILE MARINE.</p> <p>The very best LIQUORS and ACCOMMODATION.</p> <p>They come as Strangers but leave as Friends. BEN. FRANKLIN TAYLOR, Proprietor.</p> <p>Hongkong, 28th March, 1893. [389]</p>	<h3 style="text-align: center;">Hotels.</h3> <p>THE STAG HOTEL, <i>QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.</i></p> <p>THE HOTEL OF THE EAST FOR WEST-ENDERS.</p> <p>BEST LIQUORS procurable in the Market good ACCOMMODATION and CIVILITY. Come and see how we have transformed the old "STAG."</p> <p>WILLIAM WATERS, Proprietor.</p> <p>Hongkong, 17th March, 1893. [352]</p>
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<h3 style="text-align: center;">Bay View Hotel.</h3> <p>M^r. OSBORNE begs to remind the Public that every possible arrangement has been made for the comfort and convenience of Visitors to this popular Summer Resort. "BAY VIEW" occupies the best situation on the Shan-tsi-wan Road, commands an excellent view of the Harbour, and is always open to the cool breezes from the Southward. Steam-launches can at any time come alongside the jetty adjoining the spacious lawn.</p> <p>The Cuisine is unrivalled in Hongkong, and only the best Brands of Wines, Spirits, Cigars, etc., are kept in stock. Private Dinners or Tiffin prepared in First-class style on the shortest notice, and Meals can be served at au-houng.</p> <p>Hongkong, 2nd May, 1892. [480]</p>	<h3 style="text-align: center;">Hauenstein's Hotel,</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">A M O Y.</p> <p>THIS First-class FAMILY HOTEL is situated on the beach at KULANGSOO and has First-class Accommodation for Visitors. An EXCELLENT TABLE is kept, and WINES, SPIRITS, and MALT LIQUORS of the very best quality.</p> <p>Terms Moderate.</p> <p>R. HELLWIG, Proprietor.</p> <p>Amoy, 1st September, 1892. [2]</p>
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To be Let.

TO LET.

OFFICES, 1ST & 2ND FLOORS of No. 4 Queen's Road Central, over the Bank of China, Japan and Straits, Limited.

No. 11 & 12, COOMBE ROYAL—a large Furnished House at Magazine Gap.

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NEW HOUSES IN RIPON TERRACE—Bonham Road, near Breedy Point.

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No. 4, BLUE BUILDINGS, Floors in Blue Buildings.

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SEMI-Detached Houses at Magazine Gap. Very cheap Rental.

No. 5, VICTORIA VIEW, Kowloon.

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Apply to
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., Ltd.
 Hongkong, 20th April, 1893. [318]

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

ROOMS TO LET.

FROM and after 1st April, 1893, to month tenants only, ROOMS in the old portion of the HOTEL, facing Queen's Road and part of Pedder Street.

Terms for a Room and Board \$70 to \$75 per month. Application to be made to the MANAGER or to the Undersigned.

By Order,
 R. LYALL,
 Secretary.
 Hongkong, 24th March, 1893. [37]

TO LET.

A Detached 8 Roomed House at Robinson Road with Garden.

Hongkong, 7th April, 1893. A. B. [43]

TO LET.

FOUR ROOMS (Furnished or Unfurnished) above the KOWLOON CLUB, Kowloon with TWO BATH ROOMS. Separate entrance Apply to
 DORABEE NOWROJEE,
 Victoria Hotel.
 Hongkong, 18th April, 1893. [47]

TO LET.

THIRD FLOOR in No. 6, Queen's Road.

Apply to
 DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
 Hongkong, 20th April, 1893. [3]

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ZETLAND LODGE

No. 521.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASON HALL, Zealand Street, on MONDAY, the 1st May, at 8:30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.
 Hongkong, 21st April, 1893. [116]

